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Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Huyen Le

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 September 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,7 and 13-17 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 3-6 and 8-12 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 09/16/03.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1, 2, 7, 13, 16 and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kumii (4,377,349).

The Kumii reference discloses an elongate barrel 1 extending longitudinally between opposite first and second ends; a grip associated with the barrel for being gripped by the hand of the individual during execution of the writing movements; a writing point 5a adjacent the first end of the barrel; a center of gravity located between the first and second ends of the barrel 1; and a weight 9 associated with the barrel 1 for selective movement in longitudinal directions relative to the writing point to place the center of gravity at a selected position relative to the grip, the selected position establishing a balance suited to the hand of the individual manipulating the writing implement during writing movements.

Regarding claim 2, the barrel includes a bore extending longitudinally along the barrel, and the weight is located in the bore for movement in longitudinal directions along the bore.

Regarding claim 7, the grip is juxtaposed with the writing point.

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3. Claim 14 and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Wade et al (2,557,710).

The Wade et al reference discloses a clip located on a writing instrument for enabling attachment of the writing implement to a support structure to be engaged by the clip member, the support structure having given structural characteristics, the improvement comprising a biasing arrangement for biasing the clip member 5 with a biasing force establishing a gripping force between the clip member 5 and the support structure, the biasing arrangement 18 having a selectively adjustable mechanism 19 for selectively adjusting the biasing force to enable the selection of a gripping force which accommodates the given structural characteristics of a particular support member.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 3-6, 8-12 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The Watanable reference discloses a writing instrument comprising a weight 11 sliding inside the barrel.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Huyen Le whose telephone number is 703-306-5504. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

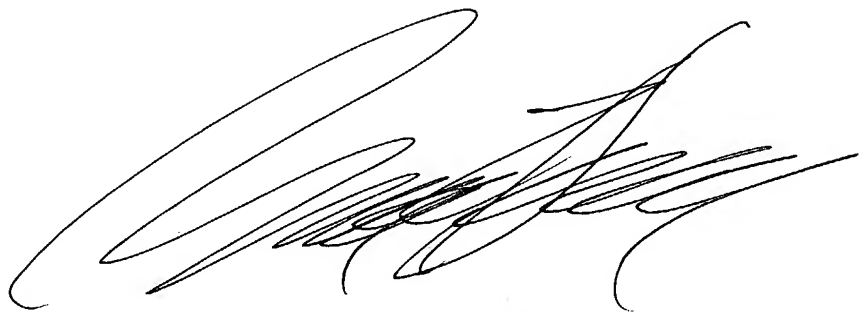
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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gregory Huson can be reached on 703-308-2580. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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HL

May 6, 2004

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gregory L. Huson', with a large, sweeping loop at the end.

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